

Eugene O'Neill House, Swimming Pool Bathhouse
(Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site,
Tao House)
Kuss Road
Danville vicinity
Contra Costa County
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Location: Kuss Road, Danville vicinity, Contra Costa County, California.

This building serves the function of a dressing room and restroom area for guests using the pool. It is located adjacent to the pool and somewhat downhill from and to the north of Tao House.

Situation: This is a rectangular wood-frame structure, 12 feet wide and 34 feet long. It occupies the space at the uphill or southwest end of the swimming pool. The original building, which is as long as the pool is wide, contains two generous dressing rooms for men and women, each of which would accommodate six or eight people at once with ease. There are as well two bathrooms, each with a shower, a WC and lavatory. A single hot water heater serves both spaces.

The building now has a nonoriginal space which holds a wet bar. This was added on the southeast end of the original building.

Floor: The floor is a simple reinforced concrete slab and is in good condition. The new room has unglazed terra-cotta tile flooring.

Walls: The walls are wood frame with what appears to be horizontal siding but is, in fact, horizontal transite with cast-in graining, a composition material made of asbestos and cement with an integral color (green/blue) on the exterior. Interior spaces are all finished with vertical random-width knotty-pine paneling, also in good condition.

Roof: The gable roof is wood-shingled and in poor condition.

Ceiling: The ceiling has random-width knotty-pine wood paneling which matches the walls and is in good condition.

Doors and Windows: There are two exterior doors, both single-panel, vertical board type. The door to the men's dressing room is located in a recessed niche on the front. A limited number of windows were used. In the front (facing the pool), there is a horizontal jalousie sash, probably installed after the O'Neill era, though this is not confirmed. Other sashes are mainly two over two wood, double-hung, used at each end of the bathhouse and two on the rear side.

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